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Dr. McMahon received his B.A. in Biology from the University of Pennsylvania in 1982 and his M.D. from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1987. He stayed on at Hopkins to complete a medical internship, a residency in adult psychiatry, and a post-doctoral fellowship in psychiatric genetics before joining the faculty in 1993. In 1998, he became Associate Professor of Psychiatry and medical director of the Electroconvulsive Therapy Clinic at the University of Chicago. In 2002, he joined the Mood and Anxiety Disorders Program as chief of its Genetics Unit. Recently, Dr. McMahon was named a Mallinckrodt Scholar by the Edward F. Mallinckrodt Foundation. He also serves as a scientific advisor for the National Tourette Syndrome Association, the University of Antwerp, the RIKEN Brain Science Institute, and numerous scientific journals. Current research priorities include fine-mapping bipolar disorder susceptibility loci on chromosomes 6q, 13q, 18q, and 22q; identification of clinical features that define highly familial clinical subtypes of mood disorders; and the elucidation of parent-of-origin effects in the familial transmission of mood disorders.